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SUBJ: GVN DIPLOMATS REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

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1. EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING AS IN REF E AND ADVISED GVN DIPLOMATS SITUATION IS AS DESCRIBED THEREIN. NEVERTHELESS, PRESSURES ARE MOUNTING FOR DIPLOMATS TO FIND PLACES FOR RESETTLEMENT. FORMER GVN EMBASSY COUNSELOR CALLED ON POLCOUNS MAY 14 TO DISCUSS THEIR PLIGHT AND WE HAVE BECOME AWARE OF OTHER PROBLEMS SEPARATELY. INCREASING PRESSURES INCLUDE: A) GVN EMBASSY WAS HANDED OVER TO GOJ TEMPORARILY MAY 14, THEN TRANSFERRED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO CUSTODY OF CUBAN EMBASSY. B) LEFTIST VIETNAMESE AND JAPANESE STUDENT GROUPS HAVE THREATENED SEVERAL GVN DIPLOMATS BY PHONE AND IN PAMPHLETS BY NAME. C) AS WITH DISPOSITION OF GVN EMBASSY PROPERTY, GOJ ACTS IN FASHION WHICH HEIGHTENS ANXIETY OF GVN DIPLOMATS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE STAFF MEMBER (WHO WANTS TO GO TO US, NGUYEN ANH DAO, REF D) WAS OFFERED EMPLOYMENT AS TRANSLATOR BY JAPANESE FIRM. GOJ IMMIGRATION TOLD HIM MAY 14 HIS VISA COULD NOT BE RENEWED AND ADVISED HIM THAT HE COULD REMAIN IN JAPAN ONLY UNTIL IT WAS POSSIBLE
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TO RETURN HOME (I.E., SVN ON PRG PASSPORT). THIS CASE FRIGHTENED OTHER DIPLOMATS. D) FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS REPORTED EARLIER ARE OF INCREASING CONCERN TO VIETNAMESE.

2. WE DETAIL BELOW EACH CASE, BUT IN GENERAL, DIPLOMATS ARE MAKING EFFORTS WITH UNHRC, FRENCH, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES FOR REFUGE. FRENCH HAVE GRANTED LAISSEZ-PASSER AND VISAS TO SEVERAL DIPLOMATS, INCLUDING SOME INITIALLY REPORTED AS WISHING TO GO TO US. CANADIANS AND AUSTRALIANS HAVE ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS. AS RESULT OF THREATS, SOME HAVE MADE INQUIRIES AT ROK EMBASSY AS POSSIBLE TEMPORARY REFUGE UNTIL PERMANENT PLACES FOR RESETTLEMENT CAN BE FOUND. FIVE, AS OPPOSED TO TWO REPORTED EARLIER, ARE SEEKING JAPANESE CITIZENSHIP. VICE FONMIN TOGO TOLD ADB DAN THAT THESE CASES WERE BEING "CONSIDERED FAVORABLY", ALTHOUGH FIRST SE ASIA DIVDIR HANABUSA TOLD VIETNAMESE GOJ IMMIGRATION WAS "VERY RIGID". IN ANY CASE, APPLICATIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DIVERSE EFFORTS FOR RESETTLEMENT REQUIRED IN REF E ARE BEING MET AND IN EFFECT RESULTS ARE "INTERNATIONALIZED". AS OF NOW OVERALL SITUATION IS AS FOLLOWS: A) SEVEN FAMILIES APPLIED FOR FRANCE AND HAVE BEEN GRANTED VISAS. B) FOUR HAVE APPLIED FOR AUSTRALIA; APPLICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED. C) FIVE APPLIED FOR JAPANESE CITIZENSHIP. (INCLUDING TWO WHO ALSO APPLIED FOR AUSTRALIA). SEVERAL APPLIED AS SECOND CHOICE FOR CANADA. TWELVE FAMILIES (EXCLUDING TRI, CHI, AND CA WHO MAY GO ELSEWHERE) WANT TO GO TO US (NINE DIPLOMATS AND THREE SINGLE STAFF). OF TOTAL SEVEN HAVE RELATIVES AND APPEAR ELIGIBLE FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS. TWO FAMILIES HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH US (ONE WITH CHILDREN STUDYING IN US) AND HAVE SPONSORS GUARANTEEING FULL SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT (TUAN AND DAC). TWO SINGLE STAFFERS ONE DIPLOMATIC FAMILY HAVE NO FAMILY IN US;

4. IT APPEARS TO EMBASSY THAT RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER WHO SEEK ENTRY TO US, AT LEAST SEVEN WITH RELATIVES, TWO WITH SUPPORT, AND ONE STAFFER/STUDENT SHOULD BE PAROLED IN IMMEDIATELY TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS OUTLINED ABOVE. ALL HAVE CONTACTED UNHCR AS A GROUP SEVERAL TIMES AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CONTACTED OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE NO DESIRE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GO ELSEWHERE, BECAUSE OF FAMILY, EDUCATION AND OTHER TIES WITH US.

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5. UNITED STATES (KEYED TO REF A)

A. DAO NGUYEN LANG: RELATIVES IN US; APPLIED IMMIGRANT VISA (IV; NO CHANGE (NC) - FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

B. TRAN VAN LAM: (IV) (NC)

C. COL. TRAN THANH PHU: (IV); ALSO APPLIED FRENCH VISA (NOTED PHU NOT LISTED REF E PARA 2 DESPITE ASSUMED ELIGIBILITY.)

D. TU TRI: APPLIED AUSTRALIA AND FRENCH.

E. NGUYEN ANH TUAN: ONLY WANTS TO GO TO US; SUPPORT DOCUMENTED REFTELS.

F. BUU HAO: (IV) (NC)

G. NGUYEN NGOC KHUE: APPLIED US AS WELL AS FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA.

H. VU VIET DAC: ONLY WANTS TO GO TO US; CHILDREN STUDYING IN US; AS SECURITY MEASURE HAS APPROACHED FRENCH AND ROK.

I. NGUYEN TRUNG CHI: APPLIED JAPANESE CITIZENSHIP AND AUSTRALIA (EXPECTS AUSTRALIAN VISA).

J. HOANG BACH TUNG: (IV); THREATENED BY NAME BY LEFTISTS; AS SECURITY MEASURE ALSO SAW FRENCH AND ROK.

K. NGUYEN DIA CA: APPLIED JAPANESE CITIZENSHIP AND AT AUSTRALIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES.

L. HA MAI THAM: GRANTED VISA AND IS GOING TO FRANCE; DELETE.

M. LE QUY PHUOC: GRANTED VISA AND GOING TO FRANCE; DELETE.

N. TRAN THI NGOC HUONG: GRANTED VISA AND GOING TO FRANCE; CONFIDENTIAL

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O. TRAN VAN NGO: (IV); ALSO APPLIED FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA.

P. TRUNG DINH VINH PHUNG:(STAFF); PHUNG WANTS TO STUDY AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, HAS I-20, AND WOULD BE ELIGIBLE EXCEPT HE HAS NO HOME TO WHICH TO RETURN.

RESISTED LEFTIST STUDENTS WHO RAIDED GVN EMBASSY EVENING APRIL 30 TO HOIST PRG FLAG AT EMBASSY AND IS THREATENED BY HIS KNOWN CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY. HE IS KNOWN TO EMBASSY, AND WE RECOMMEND PAROLE.

Q. NGUYEN ANH DAO (STAFF): (SUBJECT PARA 1, ITEM D ABOVE); HAS INTEL BACKGROUND AND IS AFRAID GOJ WILL DEPORT HIM TO SVN.

R. HUYEN DON NU KIM THANH (ADDITION TO LIST) - STAFF: ABOUT 21; RELATED TO FORMER EMPEROR BAO DAI; GRADUATE INTERNATIONAL

CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, TOKYO; SISTER IS US CITIZEN AND HAS FILED PETITION.

6 OF THOSE LISTED UNDER FRANCE, REF A, NGUYEN VAN LE (A), HUYNH BA TRANG (C), NGUYEN THI OANH (E), AND VO THI CUC (F) ALL RECEIVED VISAS AND ARE GOING TO FRANCE. ON FRENCH LIST, TRAN CANH LUU (D) IS SEEKING JAPANESE CITIZENSHIP.

7. STAY IN JAPAN:
PHAN THAN LOC, LE DINH HIEU, TRAN CANH LUU, NGUYEN TRUNG CHI (ALSO US LIST) AND NGUYAN DAI CA (ALSO US LIST).
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